

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Mayor and Council

Agenda Item #: V. E.

From: David Nelson, Police Chief

Action

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Discussion

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Date: April 7, 2015

Information

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Subject: National Telecommunications Week Proclamation

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached Proclamation of National Telecommunications Week in the City of Edina for the week of April 12-18, 2015.

Information / Background:

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators. We know the idea was created in Contra Costa County, California in 1981, when Sheriff Rainey realized the need to recognize the good work taking place inside the communications centers.

Let this be a time to thank and honor those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication of what goes on behind the scenes in the Edina Communications Center.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 12th – 18th, 2015, is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – APCO International, through its sponsorship of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's safety Telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Edina Police-Fire Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Edina Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of the criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Edina, MN, hereby proclaims
April 12th – 18th, 2015, as

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

In the City of Edina, MN and call upon the people of Edina to observe this week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the residents and city of Edina safe.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2015.

James B. Hovland, Mayor